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SUBJ: ZAIRE-KOREA RELATIONS ON EVE OF COLOMBO CONFERENCE

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1. EMBOFF CONVEYED SUBSTANCE OF AMEMBASSY ZAIRE'S SUGGESTIONS (REF) TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS UN DIVISION CHIEF YI CHONG-PIN, POINTING OUT TO ROKG THAT OPPORTUNITY MAY EXIST IN MAKING FAVORABLE IMPRESSION ON ZAIRIANS NOW THROUGH AID PROJECT. IN STUDYING MATTER LAST YEAR, HOWEVER, ROKG FOUND THAT TAKING OVER MANAGEMENT OF HOSPITAL IN ZAIRE, INCLUDING SENDING OF DOCTORS AND OTHER MEDICAL PERSONNEL, WOULD HAVE COST AN ESTIMATED ONE HALF MILLION DOLLARS PER YEAR. ROKG BELIEVES THIS COST TO BE PROHIBITIVE.

2. ACCORDING TO YI, ROK AMBASSADOR TO ZAIRE THEN SUGGESTED HIS GOVT. CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING ZAIRE WITH MEDICAL PROGRAM AND ROKG IS NOW CONSIDERING SUCH PLAN AS PART OF ITS "MASTER PLAN". YI TOLD US DECISION IS EXPECTED ON OVERALL PLAN "IN FEW DAYS" AND SAID HE WILL LET US KNOW WHEN DECISION IS REACHED.
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